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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed September 26, 2005 (the "Office Action"), the period for response having been extended to February 26, 2006 by the accompanying request for extension of time and fee payment, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicant's remarks are presented in the order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

Please note that the following remarks are not intended to be an exhaustive enumeration of the distinctions between any cited references and the claimed invention. Rather, the distinctions identified and discussed below are presented solely by way of example to illustrate